

Local Items

All About Our Town And Its People

SMYRNA

Another springlike Sunday, and it is the middle of December.

Insley's store begins to look like Christmas time, and do your shopping early.

We would like to see a Christmas tree decorated with better and eggs. Wouldn't it be a sight for millionaires?

It is reported that one Smyrna man who read the Banner-News last week, had to stand on his head to read part of it.

Mrs. Ella Beedy is on the sick list. We hope she may recover speedily, for it seems to us she has had her share of sickness.

Mrs. Ida Shaw was the Friday night guest of Mattie Moe.

If you want to see a beautiful sight take a look at the window full of nine plants at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Banks. A Christmas cactus is in full bloom, and also a pretty white crimson eyed cyclamen that Mrs. Banks raised from seed. Both plants are well loaded with buds as well as blossoms and give promise of being sights worth looking at for weeks to come.

Hugo Gasper, who has been seriously ill from influenza is much better at this writing.

Silas Hull, of Oakfield, called on Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hull and Albert Northway and wife, Friday.

Miss Ruth Whitmore was a Belding visitor, Saturday.

Miss Sadie Hinebaugh visited with her home folks in Edmore, Saturday night and Sunday.

There was a good attendance of the ladies at the Red Cross meeting held in Macabee hall, Thursday and they did a lot of sewing and knitting, but they had more to do than could be done in one day and they will meet again on Thursday of this week to finish up their work. An all day meeting will be held and a picnic dinner will be served at noon.

Mrs. John Tebbel visited with Mrs. Herbert Mehney, Friday.

Miss Marian Byrne, teacher in the Button school, former teacher here, is very sick with appendicitis at her home near Moscow.

Mrs. Emma Lee visited over in Bartonville with her son, Glenn Lee, and family from Thursday until Saturday.

Del Purdy was in Smyrna Saturday fitting glasses for those in need of such work.

Irving Olmstead and wife of Eureka visited with Mrs. Robert Earle Sunday of last week. They were all supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hines Russell.

Herbert Mehney and James Joslin are cutting wood on Bert Norton's place.

Little Willie Talbot was playing with an old fanning mill Sunday of last week and in some way his hand was caught and one finger was terribly mangled. It made him feel pretty sick for a time but he is getting along as well as could be expected.

Howard Insley was home from Grand Rapids over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davis and daughter, Miss Lizzie, were visitors at the home of Alfred Davis and wife Thursday.

Mr. Fay Williams returned to her home in Lansing Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Gould and Mrs. Ida Shaw were Sunday evening guests of Sylvester Osborn and wife.

Mrs. MacFarlane is on the sick list.

Amos Russell was in Belding on business Friday.

Mrs. Charles Winkworth called on Mrs. Robert Earle Saturday.

Mrs. Lloyd Maxwell of Belding visited with her mother, Mrs. Mary Gray, and sister, Mrs. Bertha Coss, Saturday afternoon.

Mike Dicken received a card from J. A. Cook last week. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are in Florida now.

Mr. A. L. Hull and his grand daughter, Mrs. Herbert Mehney, are both on the sick list with severe colds.

Mrs. Sylvester Osborn called on Mrs. Mary Gray, Thursday.

George Hoppough, George Hanks and Major F. R. Chase and wife motored to Orleans Sunday of last week and called on Leander Berry, who is in very poor health.

Mrs. Bertha Coss made a business trip to Belding Tuesday.

Russel Gais of Belding called on his sister and brother-in-law, Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davis, Thursday evening. He found Mrs. Davis improving in health.

Monday of last week, Frank Loonis came over from Orleans and butchered a pig for Mrs. Robert Earle. The pig weighed 261 1-2 pounds. Mrs. Earle fed and fattened it herself and has reason to feel proud of her farmerette ability.

Mrs. A. Barry and Mrs. Marvin Nash went to Stanton Saturday to visit over Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. James Joslin and little daughter Vivian, called on Mrs. Mary Gray and Mrs. Bertha Coss Saturday.

People here have no need to feel ashamed of Smyrna depot now. Our station agent, Miss Hinebaugh, has scrubbed and oiled the floor, washed windows and woodwork until everything actually looks new. She also has a reading room table and rocking chair in the waiting room, so those who have to wait for trains can wait in comfort.

The little Misses Helen and Inez Earle visited with Grandma Russell Saturday.

Mrs. Hugo Gasper accompanied Ed. Cowles and wife on a trip to Belding Saturday.

Mrs. Catherine Russell called on Mrs. Sylvester Osborn Saturday.

Howard Insley took some views of the train wreck at Smyrna several weeks ago and had one enlarged. It is a fine view of the wreck.

Master Francis Winkworth went with his papa to cut wood Saturday. He is almost a man now.

Miss Fannie Earle left here Monday for Chicago where she will remain with relatives the greater part of the winter. She may go to New York city to visit her niece, Mrs. Inez Dow, before returning to Smyrna.

Frank Loomis and little daughter of Orleans called on Mrs. Robert Earle Saturday.

Mrs. A. B. Penton and daughter, Miss Gayla, called on Belding friends Thursday evening.

We are informed that Mrs. George Forman is very sick at the soldiers' home in Grand Rapids.

Thursday while George Webber was driving down Smyrna hill his team became frightened and tried to run but he held them back and prevented a serious accident for the wagon tongue came loose. Leo Shindorf came to his assistance and received a kick in

the side from one of the horses. Fortunately a kick in his pocket saved him from more serious injury from the kick.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hanks called on Ray Ring and wife in Belding Wednesday. They also drove over in the Brink neighborhood and called on Orin Hanks and family.

RIVER RIDGE

Annie Wright is suffering with an attack of the "flu".

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Freeman of near Orleans have moved to Belding.

Lyle Chatterdon called on Thos. Antcliff Sunday.

Callers at Mrs. Antcliff's Sunday were Jim Antcliff and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Freeman of Belding.

Mrs. Wm. Bradley is improving from the influenza.

Floyd Bush sold two horses last Saturday.

Mrs. James Farrar is quite ill. John Fisher returned from Camp Custer one day last week.

Quite a number in River Ridge are suffering with the "flu".

Do you know what "The Light in the Clearing" means?

ASHLEY

School is closed until Monday Dec. 30, at which time we hope there will be no Spanish influenza in this vicinity.

Miss Nellie Ashley's friends will be glad to hear that she is a very little better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eggertson have gone to Big Rapids to spend a few days with relatives. Ernest has been honorably discharged and returned home last week, Wednesday.

H. J. Wood is home from Grand Rapids for a few days.

Mrs. Lou Longstreet and Howard McArthur shopped in Grand Rapids last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith and son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Eggertson.

Mrs. Robert Wood and son are reported improving.

Fannie Whittenbach is very ill and her brother, Alfred, is improving—both having the Spanish influenza.

KEENE HEIGHTS

The funeral of Fred Cahoon, son of Louis Cahoon, who died Dec. 9, at Iron River, U. P., from influenza was held at the home Sunday, Dec. 15.

Roy Goff who has been sick for nearly two weeks with influenza, is very

low, Harold and Lloyd are both better. Later—Roy died at 10:00 Sunday night.

Maggie Bower, who has been working at Wyoming Park for the past 3 months returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bigley of Grand Rapids spent Saturday in Garrettsville with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Denny, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bigley and Lyle also spent the day there as Lloyd expects to leave for Chicago, Monday to take charge of the Proudfit Loose Leaf Co.'s sales house there. It is certainly a compliment to his business ability to be chosen by the firm for so important a position as this house ranks second in their line of branch houses; only New York standing ahead.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hunter entertained Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stockford and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Vanderlip.

Jessa Hunter left for Lansing Saturday to take up his work there, having been home for two weeks on account of sickness.

Vine Hunter and family spent Sunday with his parents.

KEENE

Mrs. W. Higgins was in Smyrna on Saturday. She took her sister-in-law up to Mr. Dickens'.

Mrs. W. Higgins called on M. D. Hull, Sunday evening.

Mr. Roy Goff, of this section died Monday morning at two o'clock, from the flu.

Mr. Fred Cahoon, a son of Levi Cahoon, was buried in the cemetery at Garrettsville. He had been working up in the woods and died from the disease called glanders, in a hospital near where he was working.

Alpheus Sparks took dinner at M. D. Hull's Sunday.

Vern Scott and two children and Mrs. Carrie Scott are down with the flu.

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A very practical gift this season.
\$21.00 to \$30.00

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Very useful on cold days.
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Hart Schaffner & Marx styles are highly appreciated.
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Young Men's Overcoats

from Styleplus are sure to meet with his approval.
\$21. to \$35

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Make his heart joyful on Christmas day.
\$6. to \$12.

Boy's Overcoats

Give joy with their warmth and style.
\$6. to \$12.

House Coats

Help keep the man home nights.
\$6. to \$10

Bath Robes

Add much pleasure to the bath.
\$5. to \$10.

Felt Hats

Stylish and dependable. Always useful.
\$3. to \$6.

Dress Shirts

Highly gratifying and very serviceable.
\$1. to \$6.

Fur Caps

Sure to bring pleasure.
\$5. to \$15.

Handkerchiefs

Always found in Santa's pack.
10c to 50c

Gloves

Are welcomed by all men.
\$1. to \$5.

Quality Cravats

A man never has as many as he wants.
25c to \$2.50

House Slippers

Tired men enjoy their comfort when at home.
\$1.50 to \$3.50

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